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**DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement
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“As businesses keep expanding and moving to South Carolina, there is more and more demand for our state’s most valuable resource – our people. Opportunities abound for those who seek them as our unemployment rate continues to fall to levels not experienced in 16 years,” said Cheryl Stanton, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. “It is exciting to see the record number of people entering the workforce. But we can’t rest, we must continue focusing our efforts on helping the 99,000 unemployed find work.”

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About DEW

The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. [DEW](#) is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state’s businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.